



The cruel practices of German war criminals and how they stayed on top after 1945

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Helmut Ortner describes in a razor-sharp account the staggering history of perpetrators, victims and bystanders in Hitler Germany. They are shocking evidence of a merciless era - and of the shameful negligence of postwar German justice. In doing so, Germany loaded "a second debt" on itself. Were the perpetrators of the National Socialist madness beastly men, puppets, indifferent bureaucrats, or mindless cogs, perpetrators of ideological conviction or common criminals? After 1945 their practices were condoned and "understanding" was shown. Former Nazis made careers as judges, professors, doctors or politician. This disturbing book focuses on ruthless National Socialist perpetrators. Such as concentration camp guard Arnold Strippel, Wehrmacht judge Erich Schwinge, People's Court President Roland Freisler and executioner Johann Reichhart. Their victims included resistance fighters Georg Elser and Maurice Becaud. Those who in the Nazi period showed no mercy, were reintroduced into society. But their victims were forgotten, repressed or ignored. The perpetrators died out - as did their victims and contemporary witnesses. As the personal memory of this time is fast disappearing, it becomes, in addition to the willingness to remember, all the more necessary to know "how it could happen. 'That such books are still needed today is shameful. That they exist is the merit of authors like Helmut Ortner' - Stephan Hebel, Frankfurter Rundschau.

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